



# 2025 Southern Syria bombings

The **2025 Southern Syria bombings** were two attacks carried out by the Islamic State (ISIS) in the al-Safa region of Suwayda Governorate in Southern Syria. The first bombing on May 22 targeted Syrian government forces, while the second, on May 28, targeted fighters from the U.S.-backed Syrian Free Army.

## Background

Although ISIS lost most of its territory in Syria by 2019, it continued to operate in remote desert regions like in southern Syria. Until May 2025, ISIS had mostly attacked Kurdish forces in the northeast. The bombings in Al-Safa marked the group’s first known attacks against the new government and its allies, showing that ISIS still posed a serious threat.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

## Bombings

### 22 May

On May 22, 2025, ISIS detonated a car bomb targeted a vehicle belonging to Syrian government forces in the Al-Safa region of Suwayda Governorate—a remote desert area in southern Syria. The group claimed the bombing killed or wounded seven soldiers,<sup>[1]</sup>however, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said that the attack on government forces had only killed one civilian and wounded three soldiers.<sup>[3]</sup>

It is the first such attack to be claimed by ISIS against the Syrian transitional government since the fall of the 54-year Assad family's rule in December.<sup>[3][4][5]</sup>

### 28 May

On May 28, 2025, ISIS carried out a bombing in the Al-Safa region of Suwayda Governorate, targeting fighters from the U.S.-backed Syrian Free Army. The group used an improvised explosive device (IED) to strike a FSA vehicle, claiming to have killed one fighter and wounded three others.<sup>[2][3]</sup>

### 2025 Southern Syria bombing


Part of the Syrian Civil War

<b>Location</b>	<u>al-Safa</u> , <u>Suwayda Governorate</u> , <u>Syria</u>
<b>Date</b>	22 May, 2025
<b>Target</b>	 <u>Syria</u>
<b>Deaths</b>	1 civilian
<b>Injured</b>	3 soldiers
<b>Perpetrator</b>	 <u>Islamic State</u>

First attack against the Syrian transitional government claimed by ISIS.


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<b>Target</b>	 <u>Syria</u>
<b>Deaths</b>	1 soldier

## See also

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<b>Injured</b>	3 soldiers
<b>Perpetrator</b>	 <u>Islamic State</u>

- 2018 As-Suwayda attacks
- As-Suwayda offensive (June 2018)
- Southern Syria clashes (April–May 2025)

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